

# Data Interpretation

For questions in the Quantitative Comparison format (“Quantity A” and “Quantity B” given), the answer choices are always as follows:

- (A) Quantity A is greater.
- (B) Quantity B is greater.
- (C) The two quantities are equal.
- (D) The relationship cannot be determined from the information given.

For questions followed by a numeric entry box , you are to enter your own answer in the

box. For questions followed by fraction-style numeric entry boxes , you are to enter your answer in the form of a fraction. You are not required to reduce fractions. For example, if the answer is  $\frac{1}{4}$ , you may enter 25/100 or any equivalent fraction.

All numbers used are real numbers. All figures are assumed to lie in a plane unless otherwise indicated. Geometric figures are not necessarily drawn to scale. You should assume, however, that lines that appear to be straight are actually straight, points on a line are in the order shown, and all geometric objects are in the relative positions shown. Coordinate systems, such as  $xy$ -planes and number lines, as well as graphical data presentations such as bar charts, circle graphs, and line graphs, are drawn to scale. A symbol that appears more than once in a question has the same meaning throughout the question.

## Problem Set A

9th Grade Students at Millbrook High School

	Boys	Girls
Enrolled in Spanish	12	13
Not Enrolled in Spanish	19	16

1. Approximately what percent of the 9th grade girls at Millbrook High School are enrolled in Spanish?
- (A) 21%
  - (B) 37%
  - (C) 45%
  - (D) 50%
  - (E) 57%
2. What fraction of the students in 9th grade at Millbrook High School are boys who are enrolled in Spanish?

- (A )  $1/5$
- (B )  $19/60$
- (C )  $5/12$
- (D )  $12/31$
- (E)  $12/25$

3. What is the ratio of 9th grade girls not enrolled in Spanish to all 9th grade students at Millbrook Middle School?

- (A ) 1 : 16
- (B ) 13 : 60
- (C ) 4 : 15
- (D ) 19 : 60
- (E) 16 : 29

4. If  $x$  percent more 9th grade students at Millbrook High School are not enrolled in Spanish than are enrolled in Spanish, what is  $x$ ?

- (A ) 20
- (B ) 25
- (C ) 30
- (D ) 40
- (E) 50

5. If 2 of the 9th grade boys at Millbrook High school who are not enrolled in Spanish decided to enroll in Spanish, and then 8 new girls and 7 new boys enrolled in the 9th grade at Millbrook Middle School and also in Spanish, what percent of 9th grade students at Millbrook would then be taking Spanish?

- (A ) 52%
- (B ) 53%
- (C ) 54%
- (D ) 55%
- (E) 56%

Problem Set B

Number of Hours Worked Per Week per Employee at Marshville Toy Company

# of employees	Hours worked per week
4	15
9	25
15	35
27	40
5	50

6. What is the median number of hours worked per week per employee at Marshville Toy Company?

- (A) 25
- (B) 30
- (C) 35
- (D) 37.5
- (E) 40

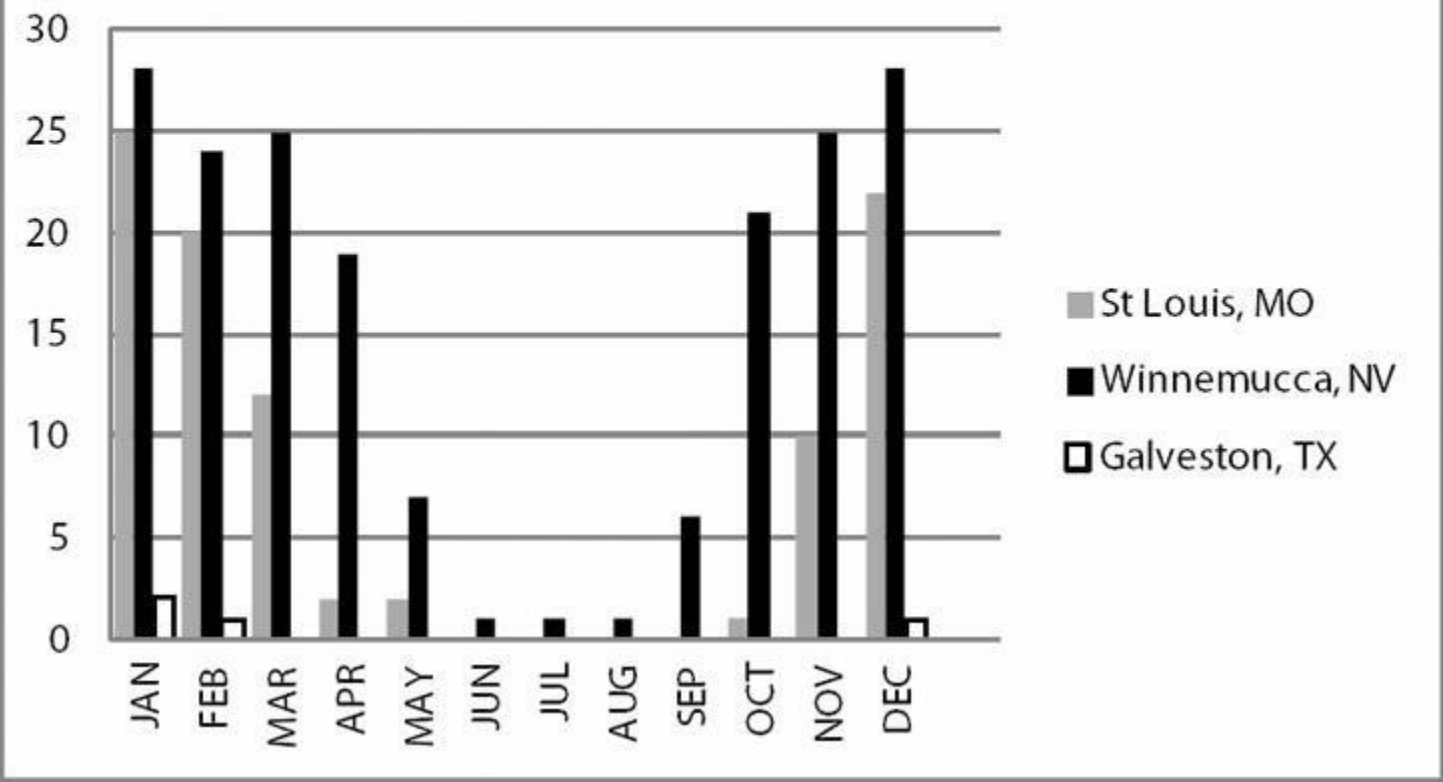
7. What is the average number of hours worked per week per employee at Marshville Toy Company?

- (A) 32
- (B) 33
- (C) 35
- (D)  $35\frac{2}{3}$
- (E)  $36\frac{1}{3}$

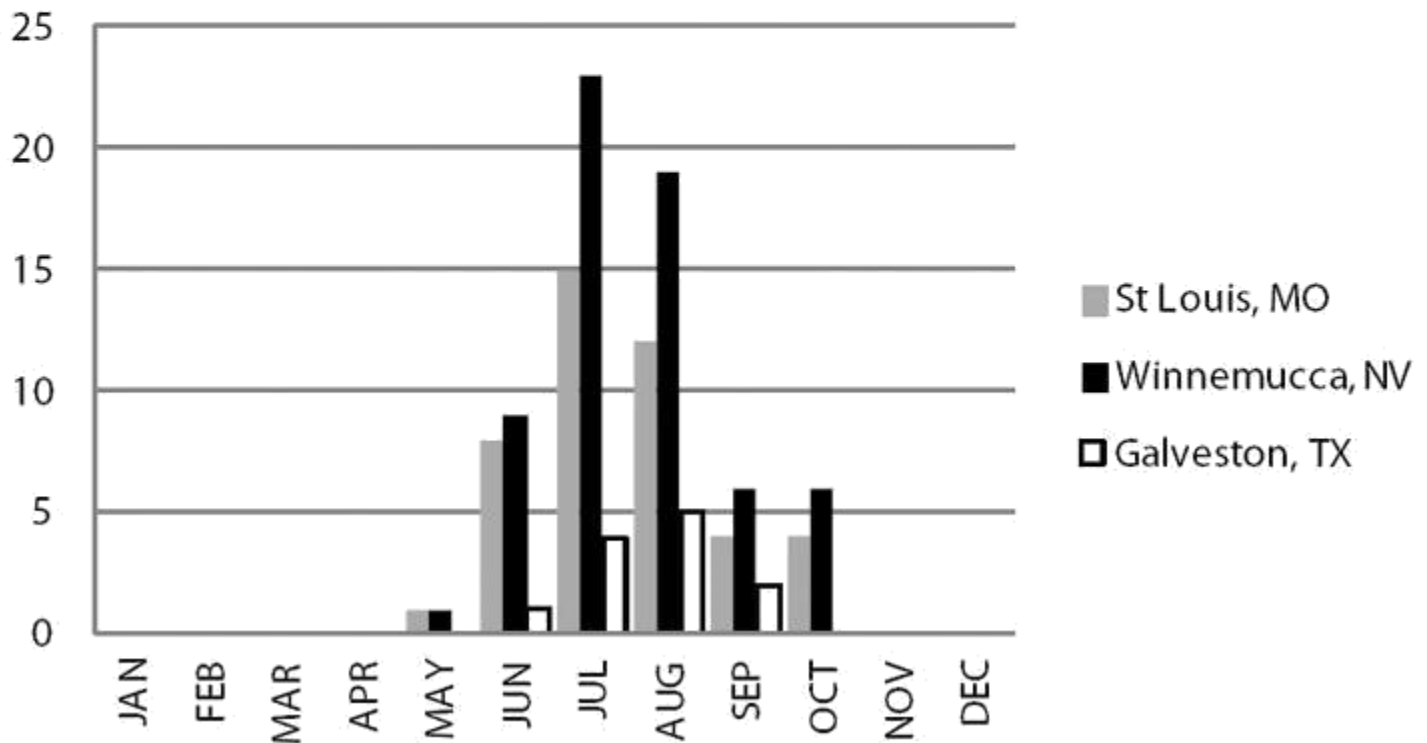
8. What is the positive difference between the mode and the range of the number of hours worked per week per employee at Marshville Toy Company?

- (A) 0
- (B) 4
- (C) 5
- (D) 8
- (E) 26

# Mean Number of Days with Minimum Temperature 32°F or less



## Mean Number of Days with Maximum Temperature 90°F or more



9. In how many months of the year were there more than 20 days with temperatures 32°F or less in Winnemucca?

- (A) 2
- (B) 3
- (C) 4
- (D) 6
- (E) 7

10. On how many days in the entire year did the temperature in Galveston rise to at least 90°F or fall to, or below, 32°F?

- (A) 11
- (B) 16
- (C) 28
- (D) 42
- (E) 59

11. Approximately what percent of the days with maximum temperature of 90°F or more in St. Louis occurred in July?

- (A) 6%
- (B) 15%
- (C) 17%
- (D) 34%

(E) 44%

12. The number of freezing January days in Winnetka was approximately what percent more than the number of freezing January days in St. Louis? (A "freezing" day is one in which the minimum temperature is 32°F or less.)

(A) 3%

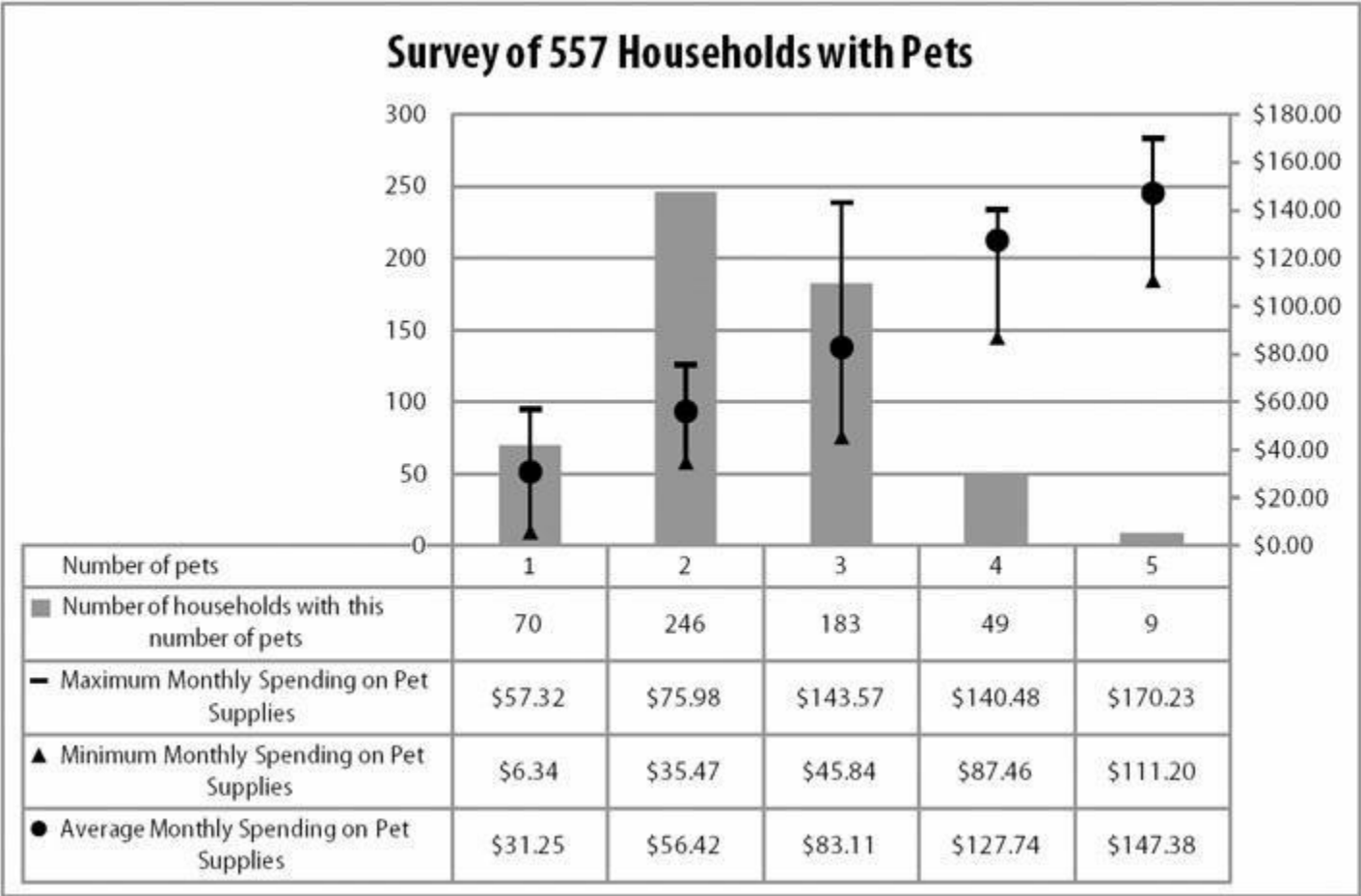
(B) 6%

(C) 12%

(D) 24%

(E) 28%

P roblem Set D



13. A pproxim ately w hat percent of the surveyed households have m ore than three pets?

- (A ) 10%
- (B ) 20%
- (C ) 30%
- (D ) 40%
- (E) 50%

14. W hat is the m edian num ber of pets ow ned by the households in the survey?

- (A ) 1
- (B ) 2
- (C ) 3
- (D ) 4
- (E) 5

15. G rouping households by num ber of pets, w hat is the range of m onthly spending on pet supplies for the group w ith the largest range?

- (A ) \$69.03
- (B ) \$97.73
- (C ) \$116.13
- (D ) \$138.98

(E) \$170.23

16. Households with how many pets have the greatest average monthly spending per pet?

(A) 1 pet

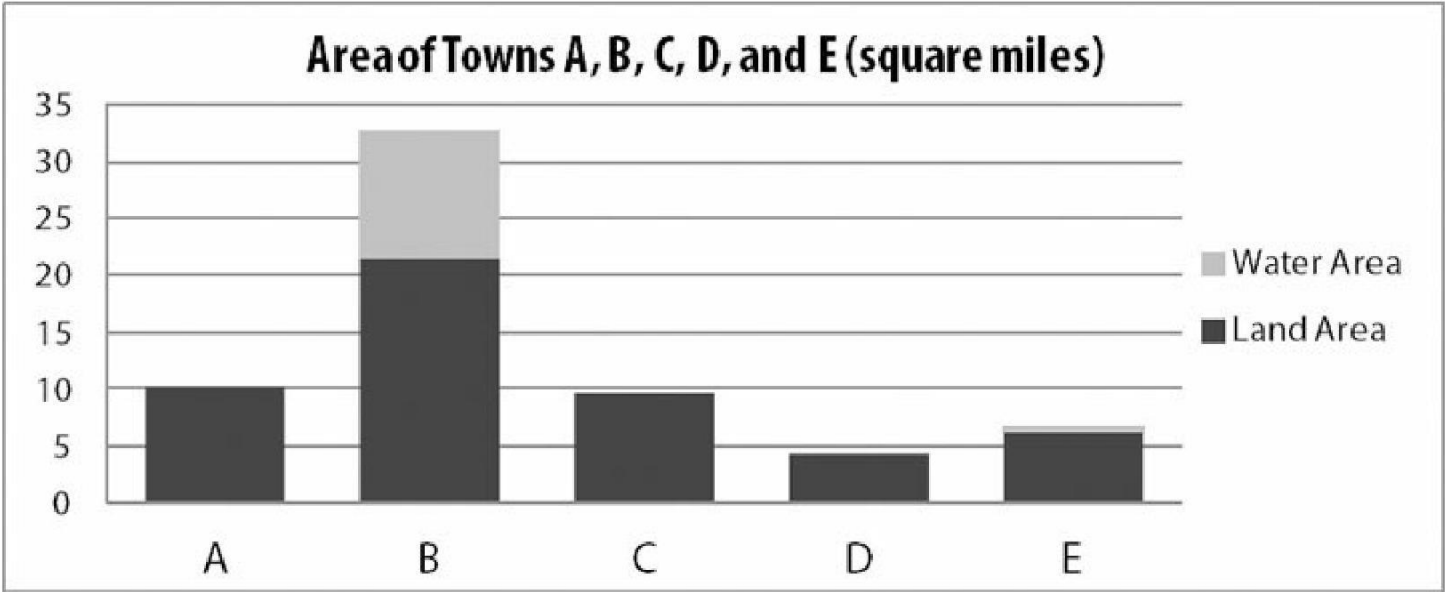
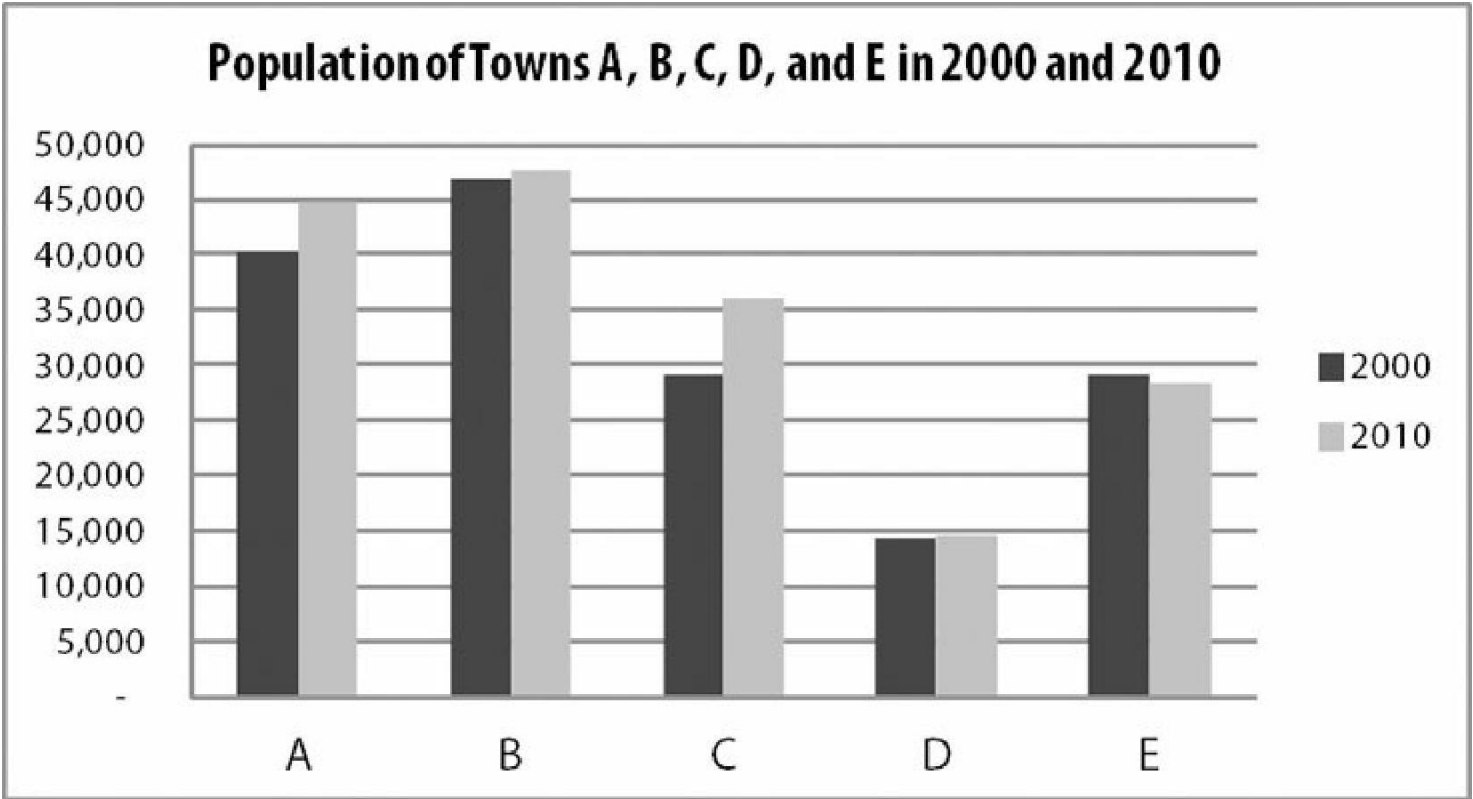
(B) 2 pets

(C) 3 pets

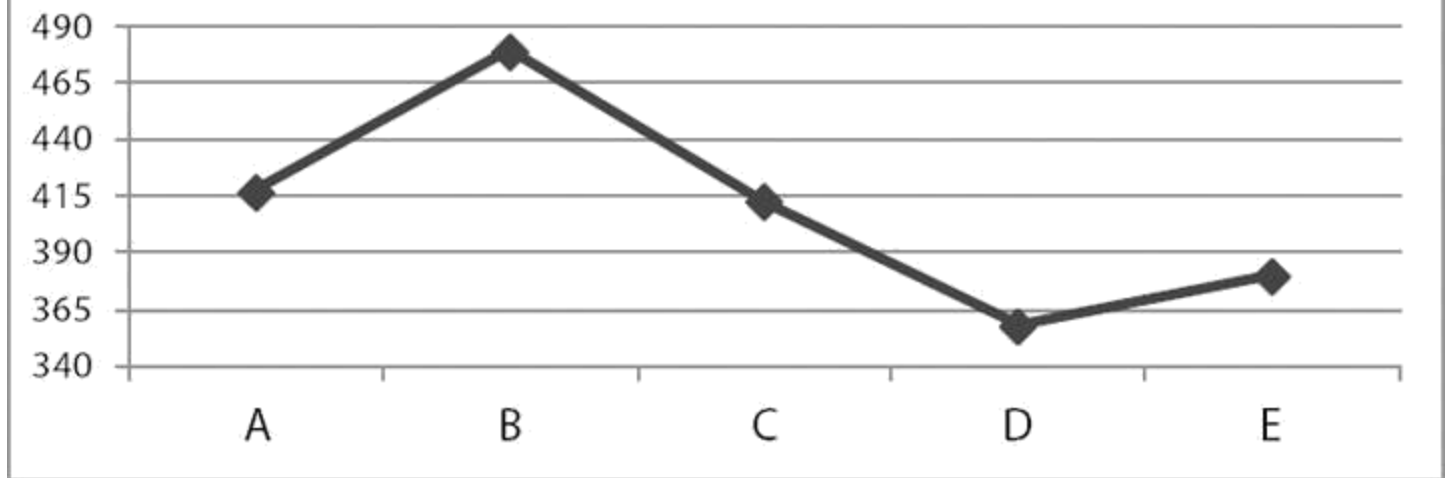
(D) 4 pets

(E) 5 pets





## Elevation (feet above sea level) of Towns A,B,C,D,E



17. In what town did the population increase by the greatest percent between 2000 and 2010?

- (A) Town A
- (B) Town B
- (C) Town C
- (D) Town D
- (E) Town E

18. The ratio of the population of one town to the population of another remained most unchanged between 2000 and 2010 for which two towns?

Indicate two such towns.

- ☐ Town A
- ☐ Town B
- ☐ Town C
- ☐ Town D
- ☐ Town E

19. The water area of town B is most nearly equal the total land area of which two towns?

Indicate two such towns.

- ☐ Town A
- ☐ Town B
- ☐ Town C
- ☐ Town D
- ☐ Town E

20. Which two towns have the most nearly equal elevation in feet above sea level?

Indicate two such towns.

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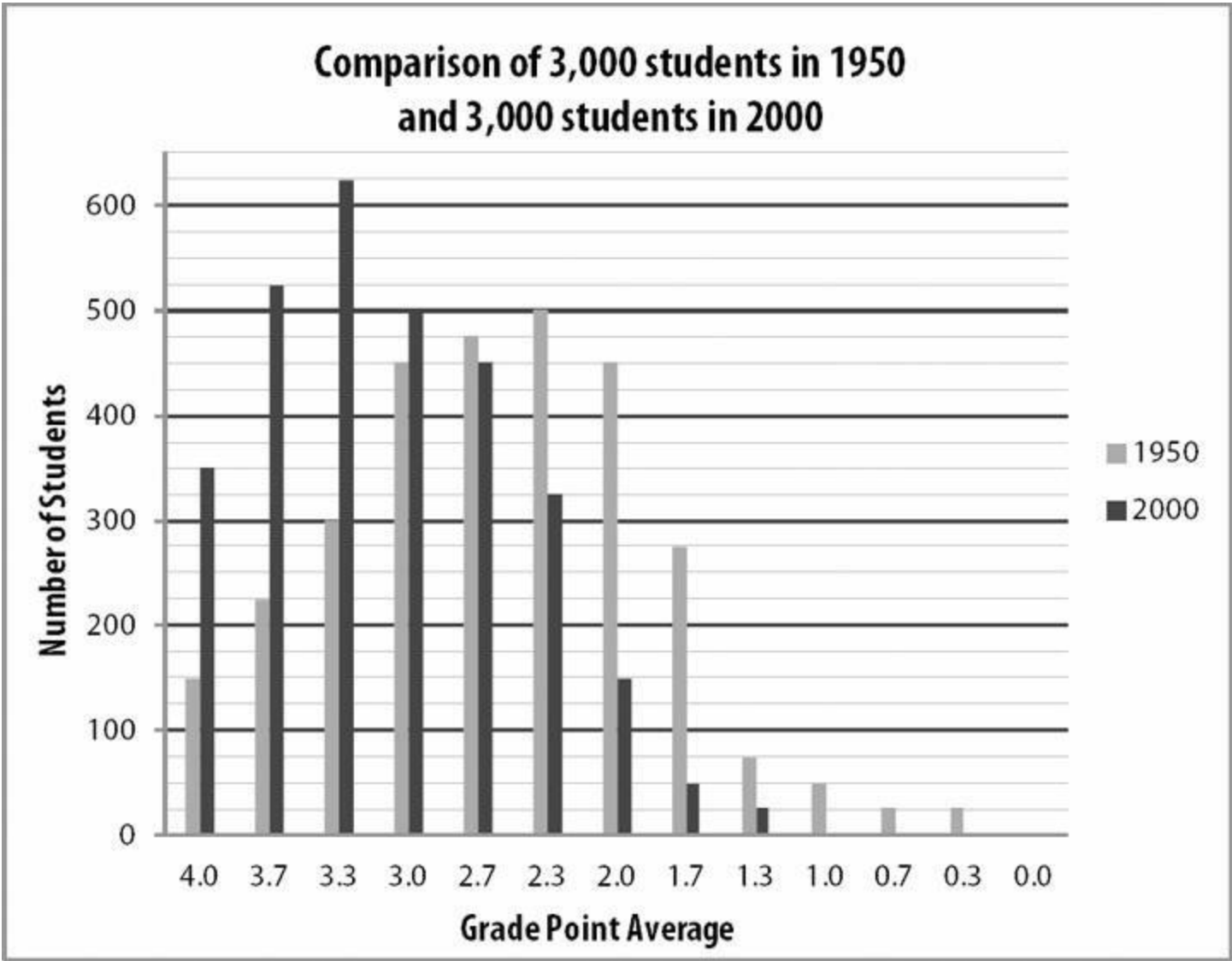
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☐ Tow n E

**P roblem Set F**



21.W hat w as the m ode for grade point average am ong the 3,000 students in 2000?

- (A ) 3.7
- (B ) 3.3
- (C ) 3.0
- (D ) 2.7
- (E ) 2.3

22.W hat w as the m edian grade point average am ong the 3,000 students in 1950?

- (A ) 3.7
- (B ) 3.3
- (C ) 3.0
- (D ) 2.7
- (E ) 2.3

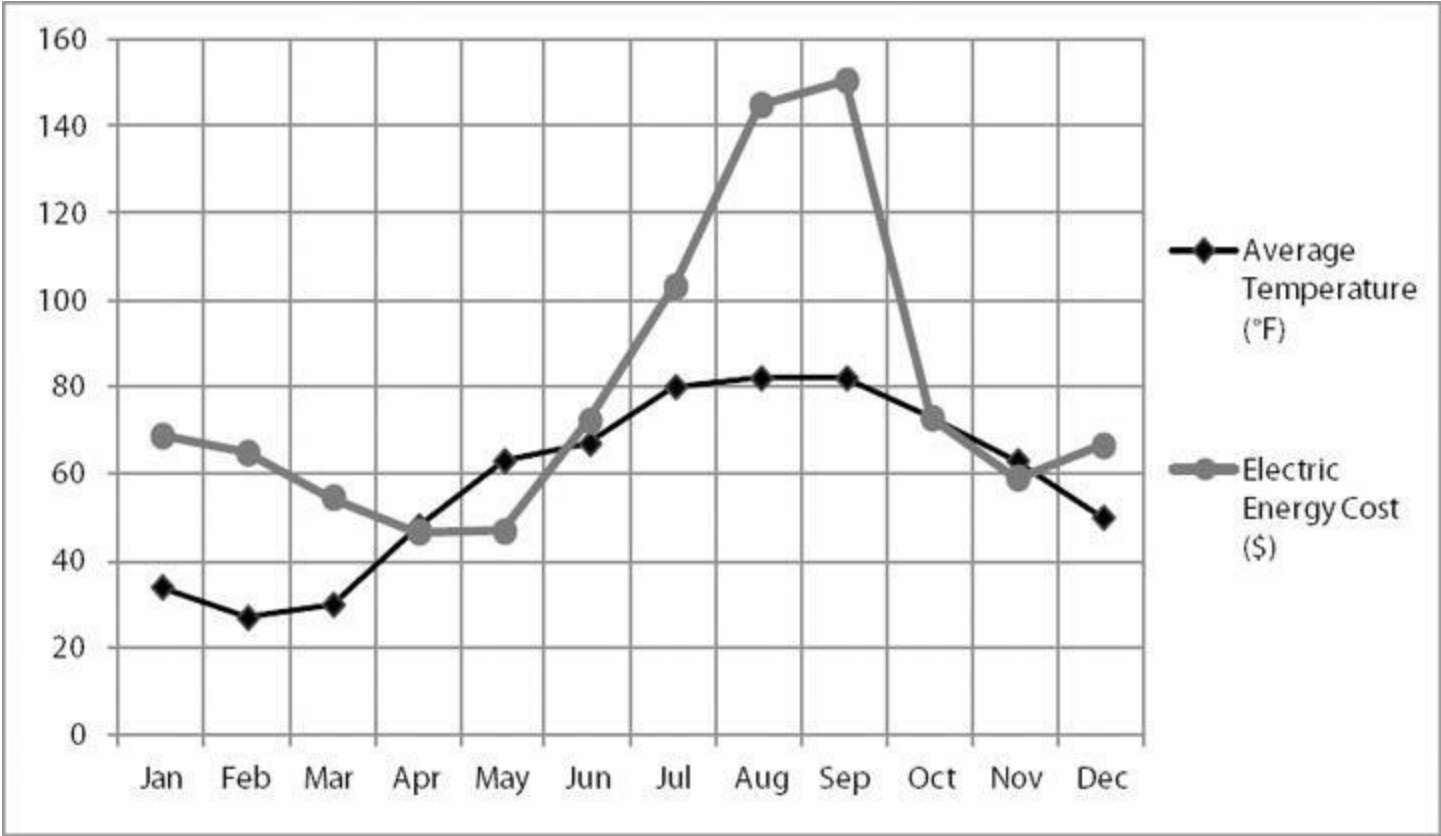
23.A pproxim ately w hat percent of the students in 2000 earned at least a 3.0 grade point average?

- (A ) 25%
- (B ) 50%
- (C ) 67%
- (D ) 80%
- (E) 97.5%

24. Approximately what percent of the students in 1950 earned a grade point average less than 3.0?

- (A ) 33%
- (B ) 37.5%
- (C ) 50%
- (D ) 62.5%
- (E) 75%

Problem Set G



25. Electric energy cost increased most between which two consecutive months?

Indicate two such months.

- ☐ January
- ☐ February
- ☐ March
- ☐ April
- ☐ May
- ☐ June
- ☐ July
- ☐ August
- ☐ September
- ☐ October
- ☐ November
- ☐ December

26. Electric energy cost changed least between which two consecutive months?

Indicate two such months.

- ☐ January

- ☐ February
- ☐ March
- ☐ April
- ☐ May
- ☐ June
- ☐ July
- ☐ August
- ☐ September
- ☐ October
- ☐ November
- ☐ December

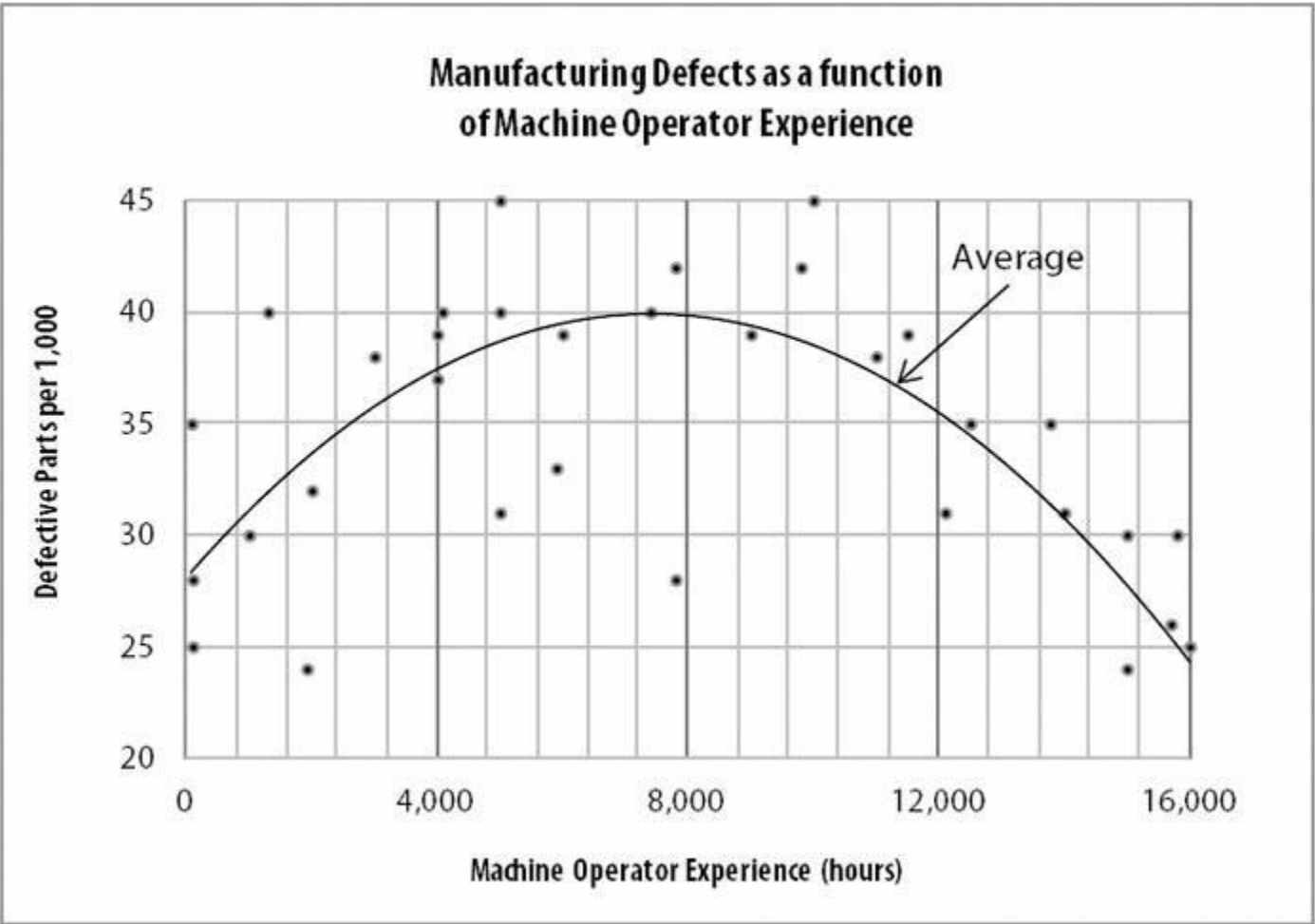
27. Approximately what was the average electric energy cost per month in the first half of the year?

- (A) \$45
- (B) \$50
- (C) \$60
- (D) \$70
- (E) \$75

28. In what month was the electric energy cost per °F of average temperature least?

- (A) April
- (B) May
- (C) October
- (D) November
- (E) December

**Problem Set H**



29. On average, the machine operators that produce the fewest defective parts per 1,000 have how many hours of experience?

- (A) 40
- (B) 4,000
- (C) 8,000
- (D) 12,000
- (E) 16,000

30. On average, the defective part rate is equal for machine operators with 12,000 hours and with approximately how many hours of experience?

- (A) 2,000
- (B) 2,700
- (C) 4,400
- (D) 8,400
- (E) 12,800

31. At approximately what experience level, in hours, do machine operators produce the most defective parts per 1,000, on average?

- (A) 40

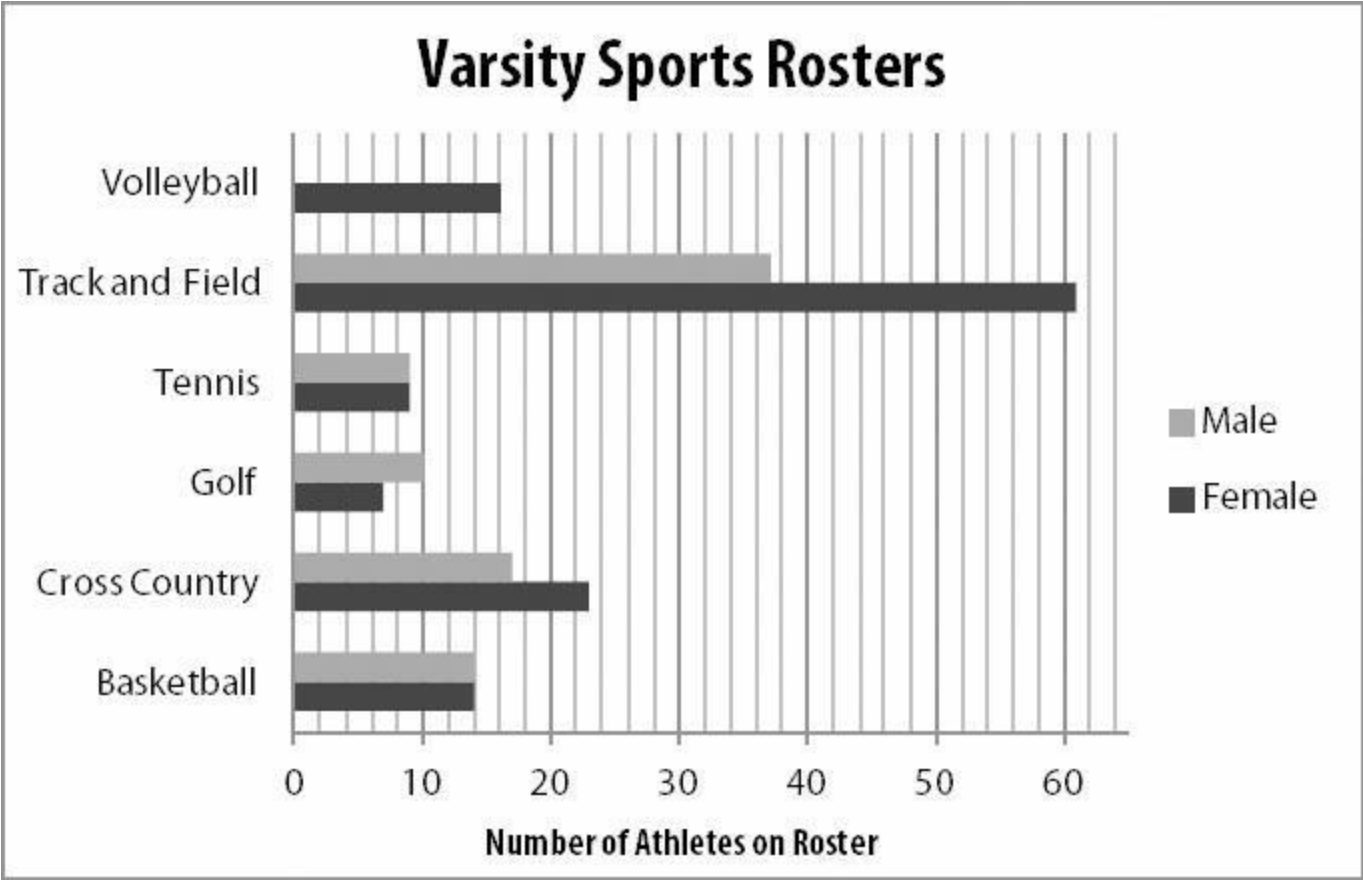


- (B ) 4,000
- (C ) 8,000
- (D ) 12,000
- (E) 16,000

32. Of the two individual machine operators who had a defective part rate of 4.2% ,approximately how many hours of experience did the less experienced operator have?

- (A ) 2,300
- (B ) 5,000
- (C ) 7,700
- (D ) 9,800
- (E) 15,100

**P roblem Set I**



33.W hat is the ratio of m ale athletes to fem ale athletes on the track and field roster?

- (A)  $\frac{37}{61}$
- (B)  $\frac{14}{17}$
- (C)  $\frac{23}{14}$
- (D)  $\frac{9}{61}$
- (E)  $\frac{37}{61}$

34.A ll athletes are on only one varsity sports roster EX C EPT those w ho run on both the Track and Field team and the C ross C ountry team .If there are 76 m ale athletes total on the varsity sports rosters,how m any m ale athletes are on both the Track and Field team and the C ross C ountry team ?

- (A ) 11
- (B ) 17
- (C ) 37
- (D ) 54
- (E) 76

35. On what varsity sports rosters do male athletes outnumber female athletes?

Indicate all such rosters.

- ☐ Volleyball
- ☐ Track and Field
- ☐ Tennis
- ☐ Golf
- ☐ Cross Country
- ☐ Basketball

36. What is the ratio of female tennis players to male basketball players on the varsity sports rosters?

- (A)  $\frac{5}{12}$
- (B)  $\frac{14}{7}$
- (C)  $\frac{8}{14}$
- (D)  $\frac{9}{12}$
- (E)  $\frac{5}{5}$

**P roblem Set J**

	C hange in Total R evenue (2011 to 2012)	P ercent C hange in N um ber of D istinct C ustom ers (2011 to 2012)	P ercent C hange in Total C osts (2011 to 2012)
Store W	-\$400,000	+2%	+15%
Store X	+ \$520,000	+14%	+4%
Store Y	-\$365,000	+5%	+12%
Store Z	+ \$125,000	-7%	-20%

37.For w hich store w as the revenue per distinct custom er greatest in 2012?

- (A ) Store W
- (B ) Store X
- (C ) Store Y
- (D ) Store Z
- (E) It cannot be determ ined from the inform ation given.

38.B etw een 2011 and 2012,total costs per distinct custom er increased by the greatest percent at w hich store?

- (A ) Store W
- (B ) Store X
- (C ) Store Y
- (D ) Store Z
- (E) It cannot be determ ined from the inform ation given.

39.Store profit in 2012 could have been less than sam e store’s profit in 2011 at w hich of the follow ing store(s)?

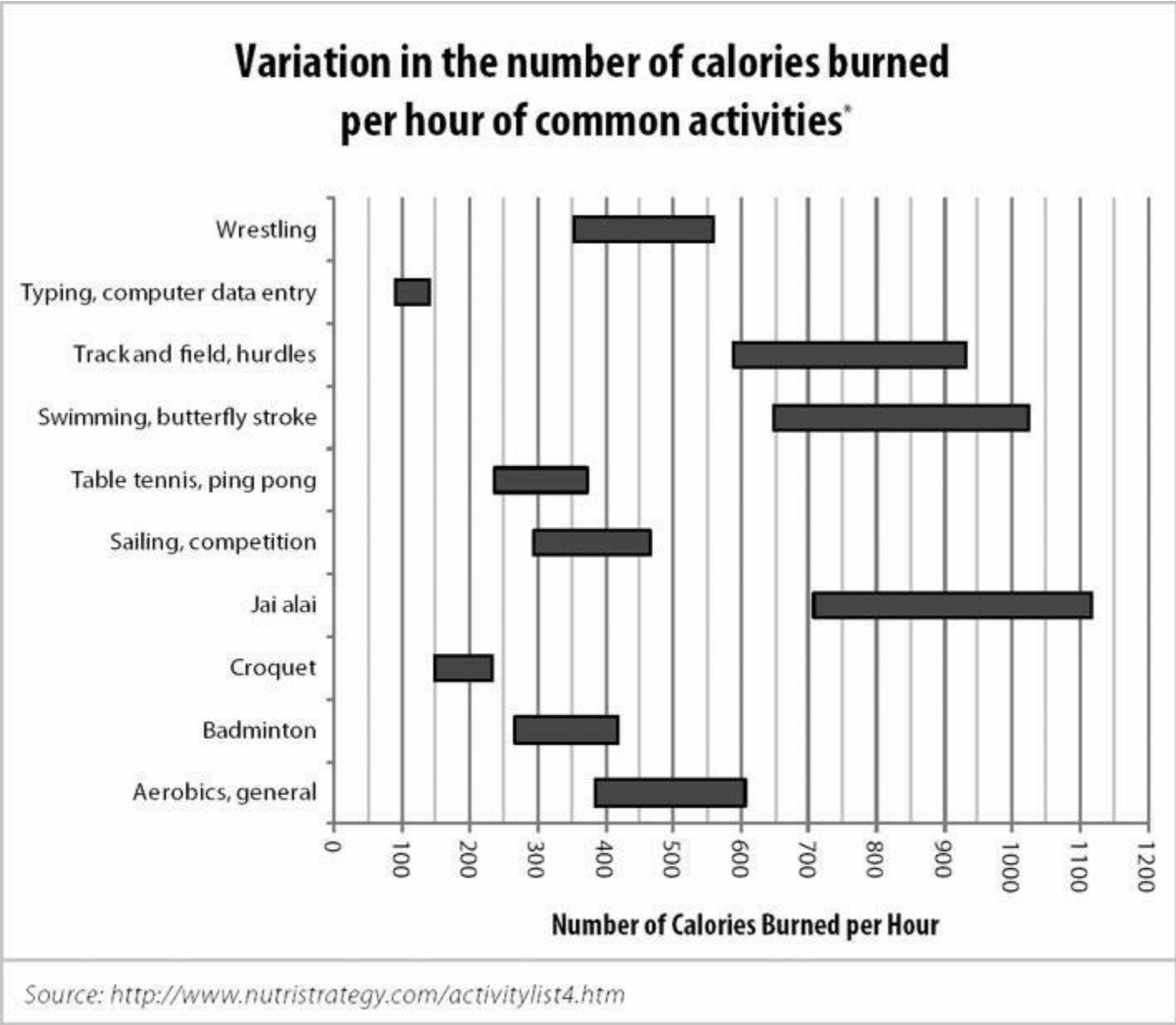
Indicate all such stores.

- ☐ Store W
- ☐ Store X
- ☐ Store Y
- ☐ Store Z
- ☐ N one of the above.

40.W hich of the follow ing statem ents m ust be true?

- (A ) O f the four stores,Store X had the greatest percent increase in revenue from 2011 to 2012. (B ) Per custom er revenue increased at Store Z from 2011 to 2012.
- (C ) O f the four stores,Store W had the greatest increase in total costs from 2011 to 2012. (D ) O f the four stores,Store Y had the highest percent of repeat custom ers.

(E) In 2012,Store W and Store Z com bined had few er distinct custom ers than did Store X .



\* Based on body weight of exercise subject. The lower limit represents the calories burned by a person weighing 130 pounds, while the upper limit represents the calories burned by a person weighing 205 pounds.

41. Which of the following statements could be true?

Indicate all such statements.

- ☐ A person weighing between 130 and 205 pounds performs one of the above activities for 10 hours yet burns fewer calories than another person in the same weight range performing another activity for only 1 hour.
- ☐ A 175 pound person playing jai alai for one hour burns fewer calories than a 180 pound person swimming the butterfly stroke for one hour.
- ☐ If all people in question weigh between 130 and 205 pounds, the average calories burned by two

people playing table tennis for 1 hour is more than the total calories burned by 2 people typing for 3 hours.

42. Which combination of activities burns the fewest calories total?

- (A) A 130 pound person playing badminton for 1 hour and a 205 pound person playing table tennis for 1 hour
- (B) A 130 pound person wrestling for 1 hour and a 205 pound person running track and field, hurdles for 1 hour
- (C) A 130 pound person typing for 1 hour and a 205 pound person swimming the butterfly stroke for 1 hour
- (D) A 130 pound person sailing in a competition for 1 hour and a 205 pound person doing aerobics for 1 hour
- (E) A 130 pound person typing for 1 hour and a 205 pound person playing croquet for 1 hour

**P roblem Set L**

Population and GDP for 50 African Countries							
Gross Domestic Product	Population						
		more than 50 million	20 to 50 million	10 to 20 million	2 to 10 million	less than 2 million	Total
	more than \$100 billion	3	2	0	0	0	5
	\$20 – 100 billion	1	7	1	1	0	10
	\$10 – 20 billion	1	3	3	3	3	13
	less than \$10 billion	0	0	7	8	7	22
	Total	5	12	11	12	10	50

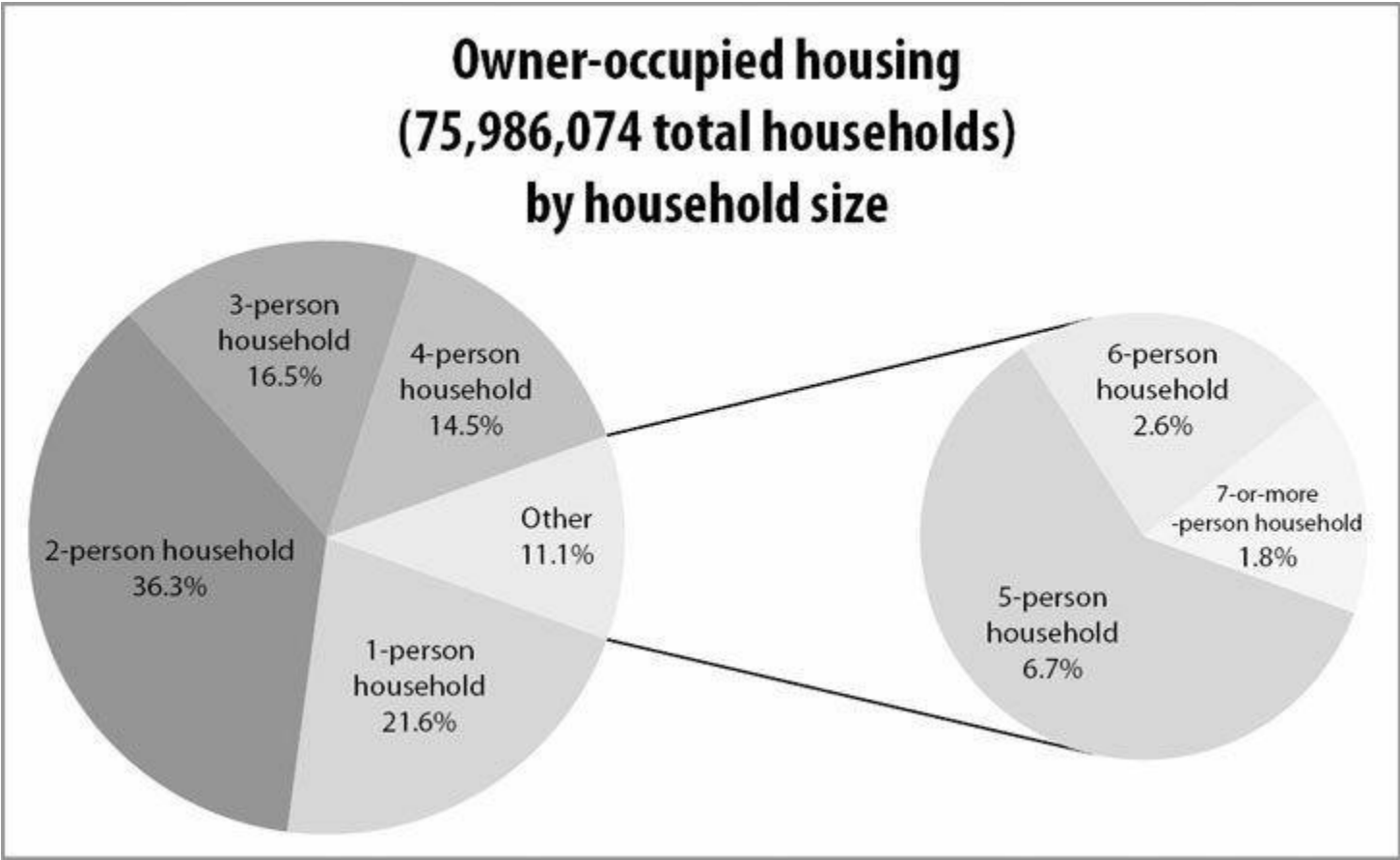
- 43.Among the 50 African countries represented in the chart above,how many countries have a population between 10 million and 50 million people and a GDP between \$10 billion and \$20 billion?
- (A ) 6  
(B ) 7  
(C ) 13  
(D ) 16  
(E) 23
- 44.Among the 50 African countries represented in the chart above,what percent of the countries have a population less than 20 million people and a GDP of less than \$20 billion?
- (A ) 38%  
(B ) 44%  
(C ) 62%  
(D ) 68%  
(E) 90%
- 45.Approximately what percent of the African countries in the chart above with GDPs between \$10 billion and \$20 billion have populations between 10 million and 20 million?
- (A ) 6%  
(B ) 23%  
(C ) 26%  
(D ) 30%  
(E) 51%



46. Referring to the 50 African countries represented in the chart above, which of the following is greatest?

- (A) The number of countries with more than \$10 billion GDP and population less than 20 million
- (B) The number of countries with less than \$20 billion GDP and population more than 10 million
- (C) The number of countries with more than \$20 billion GDP
- (D) The number of countries with less than \$100 billion GDP and population less than 10 million
- (E) The number of countries with less than \$100 billion GDP and population between 10 million and 50 million

**P roblem Set M**



47.W hat percent of ow ner-occupied housing units are households w ith few er than four people?

- (A ) 11.1%
- (B ) 14.5%
- (C ) 25.6%
- (D ) 74.4%
- (E ) 88.9%

48.A m ong the ow ner-occupied housing units represented in the chart above,approxim ately how m any households are 5-person households?

- (A ) 1 m illion
- (B ) 2 m illion
- (C ) 3 m illion
- (D ) 4 m illion
- (E ) 5 m illion

49.W hich of the follow ing is a correct ranking of 1-person households,3-person households,and 5-person households based on the total num ber of people living in such households,from least to greatest num ber of people?

- (A ) 1-person households,3-person households,5-person households
- (B ) 1-person households,5-person households,3-person households
- (C ) 3-person households,1-person households,5-person households

(D ) 3-person households,5-person households,1-person households

(E) 5-person households,3-person households,1-person households

50. Which range of household sizes, inclusive, accounts for more than 50% of all owner-occupied housing units?

(A ) 2- to 3-person

(B ) 3- to 4-person

(C ) 4- to 5-person

(D ) 5- to 6-person

(E) 6- to 7-person

# Data Interpretation Answers

**Problem Set A:** First, read the title of the chart: everyone accounted for in the chart is a 9th grader at Millbrook Middle School. So, when problem s mention “9th grade,” you don’t have to figure out how many people involved are 9th graders — everyone in the chart is.

When given a chart that depends on addition (boys plus girls = total students, and also those enrolled in Spanish plus those not enrolled in Spanish = total students), it can be helpful to sketch a quick version of the chart on your paper and to add a total column. (If the chart is large and this would be too time-consuming, just imagine that the “Total” row and “Total” column are present, and only calculate what you need.) For example:

	Boys	Girls	TOTAL
Enrolled in Spanish	12	13	
Not Enrolled in Spanish	19	16	
TOTAL			

Now add down and across:

	Boys	Girls	TOTAL
Enrolled in Spanish	12	13	25
Not Enrolled in Spanish	19	16	35
TOTAL	31	29	60

1. **(C)**. There are 29 total girls and 13 are enrolled in Spanish. The fraction of girls enrolled in Spanish is  $\frac{13}{29}$ . Convert to a percent:  $\left(\frac{13}{29} \times 100\right)\%$ , or about 45%.

2. **(A)**. There are 60 total students and 12 boys enrolled in Spanish. The answer is  $\frac{12}{60}$ , which reduces to  $\frac{1}{5}$ . (Read carefully! “What fraction of the students ... are boys who are enrolled in Spanish?” is NOT the same as “What fraction of the boys are enrolled in Spanish?”)

3. **(C)**. There are 16 girls not enrolled in Spanish and 60 total students. The ratio is  $\frac{16}{60}$ , which reduces to  $\frac{4}{15}$  or 4 : 15.

4. **(D)**. 35 students are not enrolled in Spanish and 25 are. The question can be rephrased as, “35 is what percent greater than 25?” Using the percent change formula:

$$\text{Percent C hange} = \left( \frac{\text{Difference}}{\text{Original}} \times 100 \right) \%$$

$$\text{Percent C hange} = \left( \frac{10}{25} \times 100 \right) \% = 40\%$$

Thus,x is 40.

5.(E ).Sketch a new chart to reflect the changes.Sw itch 2 of the boys from “not enrolled” to “enrolled.” Then,add 8 new girls and 7 new boys to the “enrolled” groups,like this:

	B oys	G irls	TO TA L
E nrolled in Spanish	12 + 2 + 7 = 21	13 + 8 = 21	42
N ot E nrolled in Spanish	19 - 2 = 17	16	33
TO TA L	38	37	75

U pdate the Total row s and colum ns as w ell.Y ou w ill see that both “B oys” and “G irls”,as w ell as “Enrolled in Spanish” and “N ot Enrolled in Spanish,” now sum to a total of 75.

W hat percent of 9th grade students at M illbrook w ould then be taking Spanish? Since 42 out of 75 students w ould be enrolled in Spanish,enter 42/75 into your calculator,then m ultiply by 100 to convert to a percent.The answ er is 56% .

**Problem Set B :** This chart show s the frequency w ith w hich certain values — num bers of hours w orked per w eek — appear.That is,the chart is a short w ay of show ing a list of values that w ould begin: 15,15,15,15,25,25,25,25,25, 25,25,25,25... (then the num ber 35 fifteen tim es,then the num ber 40 tw enty-seven tim es,then the num ber 50 five tim es).A dd the num bers in the lefthand colum n to determ ine that 60 people’s w ork hours are being accounted for.

6.(E ).The m edian of any list is the m iddle num ber or the average of the tw o m iddle num bers.H ow ever,you C A N N O T assum e that the m iddle num ber in the list 15,25,35,40,50 is the m edian num ber of hours w orked per w eek,because this does not take into account the *frequency* w ith w hich each of those num bers occurs in the list.The actual list includes the value 15 *four tim es* (once for each of the 4 em ployees w ho w orks 15 hours per w eek),the value 25 *nine tim es* (once for each of the 9 em ployees w ho w orks 25 hours per w eek),etc.

To find the m edian,add the num bers of em ployees: 4 + 9 + 15 + 27 + 5 = 60.Thus,the m iddle of this list w ill be the average of the 30th and 31st values.Since 4 + 9 + 15 = 28,the 29th,30th,31st,etc.values fall into the next highest group — the group of 27 people w ho w ork 40 hours per w eek.The m edian num ber of hours w orked per w eek per em ployee is 40.

7.(D ).To average the num ber of hours w orked per w eek,you C A N N O T sim ply average 15,25,35,40,and 50.Y ou m ust take into account *how m any people* w ork each of those num bers of hours.That is,you m ust average the values for all 60 w orkers:

$$\frac{4(15)+9(25)+15(35)+27(40)+5(50)}{60}=35.\overline{6} \text{ hours}$$

The answer is  $35.\overline{6}$  or  $35\frac{2}{3}$ .

8.(C). The mode is the number that appears in the list with the greatest frequency. Since 27 people worked 40 hours a week and every other group has fewer than 27 people, the mode is 40. The range is the highest value in the list minus the lowest value in the list.  $50 - 15 = 35$ . The positive difference between 40 and 35 is  $40 - 35 = 5$ .

**Problem Set C:** The two charts show how often daily temperature extremes occurred in each month of the year for 3 cities. For the sake of simplicity, you can think of the top chart as “cold” and the bottom chart as “hot.”

Also note that there is no information about exactly how hot or how cold the days tallied are: a day with a minimum temperature of  $27^{\circ}\text{F}$  counts as a “cold” day, just as a day with minimum temperature of  $-10^{\circ}\text{F}$  would. Therefore, it is likely that questions will just reference one or both of the two temperature categories broadly ( $= 90$  and  $= 32$ ), which you can simply think of as “hot” or “cold” days.

9.(D). From the “cold” chart, the black bar referring to Winnemucca rises above 20 in Jan, Feb, Mar, Oct, Nov, and Dec, for a total of 6 months.

10.(B). This question asks about number of days with both temperatures extremes in Galveston. Galveston had 1 “hot” day in June, 4 in July, 5 in August, and 2 in September, for a total of 12. It had 2 “cold” days in January and 1 each in February and December, for a total of 4. The total number of days with either extreme temperature is 16 days.

11.(D). From the grey bars on the “hot” day chart, St. Louis had a total of  $1 + 8 + 15 + 12 + 4 + 4 = 44$  days when the temperature reached at least  $90^{\circ}\text{F}$ , and 15 of those were in July. These July days account for

$$\left(\frac{15}{44} \times 100\right)\% \approx 34\%$$

of all the hot days in St. Louis (approximately).

12.(C). In January, Winnemucca had 28 freezing days, while St. Louis had 25. So the question is asking, “28 is what percent more than 25?” Answer this with the percent change formula:

$$\left(\frac{\text{Difference}}{\text{Original}} \times 100\right)\% = \left(\frac{3}{25} \times 100\right)\% = 12\%$$

.It is true that 28 is 12% more than 25%

(check:  $25 \times 0.12 = 3$ ).

**Problem Set D:** This table tallies the number of households, according to number of pets in the household, and each column captures information about these households. For example, the left-most column with numbers indicates that there are 70 households that have 1 pet, and these households spend an average of \$31.25 per month on pet supplies. In that group, the household(s) that spent the least spent \$6.34 on pet supplies, while the household(s) that spent the most spent \$57.32. Notice that the bars and the max/min/average range lines duplicate the information in the table. For exact calculations, rely on the chart numbers. For broader questions, such as “which is greater,” the more visual representation of the data can often provide a quick answer.

13.(A). There are 557 households, of which 49 have four pets and 9 have five pets. Thus a total of 58 households have more than three pets. To express this as a percent, take this number and divide by the total number of households.  $58/557 = 10\%$  (approximately).

14.(B ).Since there are 557 households,the median household would be midway between the 1st and 557th households on the list when the households are ranked according to how many pets they own.The midpoint between the 1st and 557th households is the  $(1 + 557)/2 = 279$ th household.Check: There are 278 households below this one, and 278 households above (because  $279 + 278 = 557$ ).Ranked by number of pets,households 1 through 70 (the first 70 households) have one pet,which means households 71 through 316 (in other words,the next 246 households) have two pets.Since the 279th household falls in this interval,the median household owns two pets.

15.(B ).The group with the largest range of monthly spending is the group of households that own three pets.This can be seen by looking at the length of the vertical line between the maximum spending bar and the minimum spending triangle.Within this group,the maximum amount spent is \$143.57 and the minimum is \$45.84,so the range is  $\$143.57 - \$45.84 = \$97.73$ .

16.(D ).The group with one pet spent an average of \$31.25 per pet,as indicated in the chart.The group with two pets spent an average of \$56.42 on two pets,which is \$28.21 per pet ( $\$56.42/2$ ).The third group spent an average of \$83.11 on three pets,or  $\$83.11/3 = \$27.70$  per pet (approximately).The fourth group spent an average of \$127.74 on four pets,or  $\$127.74/4 = \$31.94$  per pet (approximately).The fifth group spent an average of \$147.38 on five pets,or  $\$147.38/5 = \$29.47$  per pet (approximately).The highest average is among the group that has four pets.

As an alternative to using the calculator for all five groups,you could benchmark to \$30 per pet.If that were the average spending per pet,the bottom row of the table would read \$30,\$60,\$90,\$120,and \$150 from left to right.Only the households with one or four pets exceed these numbers,so the correct answer is one of them .For just those households,calculate average monthly spending per pet as before.

### Problem Set E :

17.(C ).To compare population in 2000 and 2010,look at the difference in the heights of the dark and light gray bars in the population bar chart.Population decreased in Town E,and was barely changed in Towns B and D ,so focus on the remaining Towns A and C .This difference is about 5,000 for town A ( $45,000 - 40,000$ ),but is more than 5,000 for Town C (more than  $35,000 -$  less than  $30,000$ ).The question asks for the “population increase by the greatest percent,” which requires comparison to the original (2000) population: Percent Change =

$$\left( \frac{\text{Difference}}{\text{Original}} \times 100 \right) \%$$

Not only is the population increase greatest for Town C ,the population of Town C is

smaller than for Town A .The percent increase in population for Town A was  $\left( \frac{5,000}{40,000} \times 100 \right) \% = 12.5\%$  ,but

the percent increase in population for Town C was about  $\left( \frac{7,000}{29,000} \times 100 \right) \% \approx 24\%$  .

18.Town B and Town D .Translating “the ratio of the population of one town to the population of another remained most unchanged between 2000 and 2010 for which two towns” literally:

$$\frac{\text{FirstTown}_{2000}}{\text{SecondTown}_{2000}} \text{ is most equal to } \frac{\text{FirstTown}_{2010}}{\text{SecondTown}_{2010}} \text{ for which two towns?}$$

$$\text{Or } \frac{\text{FirstTown}_{2000}}{\text{SecondTown}_{2000}} \approx \frac{\text{FirstTown}_{2010}}{\text{SecondTown}_{2010}} \text{ for which two towns?}$$

$$\frac{\text{SecondTown}_{2010}}{\text{SecondTown}_{2000}} \approx \frac{\text{FirstTown}_{2010}}{\text{FirstTown}_{2000}}$$

Cross multiplying, this could be rephrased as "Which two towns had the most similar population increase or decrease (as a percent or fraction)?"

The percent change in population for each town was:

$$\text{Town A: } \frac{5,000}{40,000} \times 100\% = 12.5\%$$

$$\text{Town B: about } \frac{1,000}{47,000} \times 100\% = \text{a bit over } 2\%$$

$$\text{Town C: about } \frac{7,000}{29,000} \times 100\% \approx 24\%$$

$$\text{Town D: about } \frac{\text{at most } 500}{\text{at least } 14,000} \times 100\% = \text{at most } 3.5\%$$

Town E: negative % (population decreased)

While the calculations were rough and the numbers are not quite equal for towns B and D, these two percents are closest to each other, and all of the percents calculated for the other towns are quite unique.

**19. Town D, Town E.** In the bar chart for area, dark gray represents the land area and light gray (stacked on top) represents the water area. Thus, to find water area, subtract the height of the dark gray land area bar from the total height of the stacked bars.

Water area of Town B is about  $32 - 21 = 11$ . Since the vertical scale is not that precise, you may want to consider a range. Water area for Town B is a little more than 10, as the top of the dark gray bar is slightly *closer* to the horizontal line for 20 than the top of the light gray bar is to the horizontal line for 30. Similarly, water area for Town B must be less than 12.5, as the top of the light gray bar is halfway between 30 and 35, but the top of the dark gray bar is clearly higher than 20.

Towns C, D, and E all have land area less than 10 square miles (i.e. all are below horizontal grid line for 10). Adding the land area of Town C (a bit less than 10) to that of Town D (about 4), the result is too high. The sum of land area in Towns D and E is about  $4 + \text{about } 6$  (certainly less than 7.5), for a result closest to 11.

**20. Town A and Town C.** In the elevation chart, the towns are on the x-axis and the elevation (in feet above sea level) is on the y-axis. Two towns have the same elevation if marked at the same y value, i.e. if their data points are on the same horizontal line. Towns A and C are both close to the horizontal line for 415.

**Problem Set F:** The dark gray bars indicate number of students in 2000, and the light gray bars indicate number of students in 1950, having various grade point averages. Although the title makes it unnecessary to do so, if you totaled the number of students in each bar color, you would get 3,000 students.

Note the general contrast between students in the two years. Connecting the top of each light gray bar with a smooth line, the result would be a sort-of bell curve that peaks at grade point average of 2.3. Similarly, the dark gray bars form



a similar bell curve, but its peak is at grade point average of 3.3, so the grades in general are clustered at the higher end of the scale in 2000.

21. **(B)**. The mode of a list of numbers is the number that occurs most frequently in the list. In the bar graph for grade point average, dark gray bars represent the students in 2000, and the mode of that data set is indicated by the tallest dark gray bar. This is at grade point average of 3.3. There were 625 students with a grade point average of 3.3 in the year 2000, more students than had any other grade point average.

22. **(D)**. The median is the “middle value” of an ordered list of numbers, dividing the list into roughly two equal parts. For the 3,000 students in 1950, the median grade point average is the average of the 1,500th highest grade point average and the 1,501st highest grade point average. The students in 1950 are represented by the light gray bars.

150 students had a 4.0 grade point average.

225 students had a 3.7 grade point average. (Total with this GPA and higher =  $150 + 225 = 375$ )

300 students had a 3.3 grade point average. (Total with this GPA and higher =  $375 + 300 = 675$ )

450 students had a 3.0 grade point average. (Total with this GPA and higher =  $675 + 450 = 1,125$ )

475 students had a 2.7 grade point average. (Total with this GPA and higher =  $1,125 + 475 = 1,600$ )

The 1,500th and 1,501st students fall between the 1,125th and 1,600th students. Thus, the 1,500th and 1,501st highest grade point averages are both 2.7.

23. **(C)**. The students in 2000 are represented by the dark gray bars.

350 students had a 4.0 grade point average.

525 students had a 3.7 grade point average.

625 students had a 3.3 grade point average.

500 students had a 3.0 grade point average.

There were  $350 + 525 + 625 + 500 = 2,000$  students who earned at least a 3.0 grade point average in the year 2000,

$\frac{2}{3}$

out of a total of 3,000 students. This is  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the students, or about 67% of the students.

24. **(D)**. The students in 1950 are represented by the light gray bars.

150 students had a 4.0 grade point average.

225 students had a 3.7 grade point average.

300 students had a 3.3 grade point average.

450 students had a 3.0 grade point average.

In 1950,  $150 + 225 + 300 + 450 = 1,125$  students had a grade point average of 3.0 or higher. Thus,  $3,000 - 1,125 = 1,875$  students earned a grade point average *less than* 3.0. As a percent of the class, this was

$$\left( \frac{1,875}{3,000} \times 100 \right) \% = 62.5\%$$

**Problem Set G**: The vertical number scale on the left side of the graph applies to both data sets, but for Average Temperature the units are °F and for Electric Energy Cost the units are dollars (\$). For example, in January the average temperature was between 30°F and 40°F and the electric energy cost was about \$70. Be careful to read data

from the correct set; it would be easy to mix up which line is which. Consult the key frequently, and double-check your answers.

**25. July and August only.** Electric energy cost is represented by the light gray line and circular data points. A cost increase from one month to the next would mean a positive slope for the line segment between the two circular data points. The greater the slope of the light gray line segment, the greater the cost increase between those two months. There was an increase each month between May and September, and again between November and December. But the steepest positive slope is between July and August.

The cost increase from July to August was approximately  $\$145 - \$103 = \$42$ . For comparison, the cost increase from June to July was only about  $\$103 - \$70 = \$33$ . The correct answers are July and August.

**26. April and May only.** Electric energy cost is represented by the light gray line and circular data points. A cost increase from one month to the next would mean a positive slope for the line segment between the two data points, and a cost decrease would mean a negative slope. The steeper the slope of the line segment, the greater the cost change between two consecutive months. A cost change of \$0 would mean the line segment has a slope of 0 (i.e., it is horizontal).

To find the two consecutive months with the smallest electric energy cost change, look for the light gray line segment that is most horizontal. The line segment between April and May is nearly horizontal. The correct answers are April and May.

**27. (C).** There are two ways to approximate average electric energy cost per month in the first half of the year.

One way is to read the electric energy costs off of the chart and compute the average for the first 6 months, using the light gray circular data points:

Approximate average cost = 
$$\frac{\$70 + \$65 + \$55 + \$47 + \$47 + \$70}{6} = \frac{\$354}{6} = \$59$$
. Answer choice (C) \$60 is closest.

The other solution method is more visual. Consider choice (A) \$45, and imagine a horizontal line at \$45. All 6 cost data points for the first half of the year are above this horizontal line, so the average must be more than \$45. Similarly, imagine a horizontal line at \$75 for choice (E). All 6 cost data points for the first half of the year are below this horizontal line, so the average must be less than \$75. When a horizontal line at \$60 is considered, the 6 cost data points “balance”: 3 are above the line and 3 are below, by approximately the same amount.

**28. (B).** To minimize 
$$\frac{\text{Electric Energy Cost (\$)}}{\text{Average Temperature (}^\circ\text{F)}}$$
, minimize cost (light gray circular data points) while maximizing average temperature (black diamond data points). Only in April, May, October, and November is the black 
$$\frac{\text{Electric Energy Cost (\$)}}{\text{Average Temperature (}^\circ\text{F)}}$$
 ratio is data point equal or greater than the gray data point (i.e., the ratio is equal or less than 1). In April, October, and November, this ratio is close to 1. In May, the difference between the cost (\$) and the average temperature (°F) is greatest, so the electric energy cost per °F of average temperature is least. The correct answer is May.

**Problem Set H :** The chart shows defective parts per 1,000 (i.e., rate of making mistakes) as a function of machine operator experience. The dots indicate individual machine operators, and there is quite a bit of variance by individual. The line labeled “Average” shows the average performance of the group as a whole. A trend emerges: inexperienced machine operators and very experienced machine operators make fewer mistakes than those with medium level of experience. Also, certain individual machine operators are much “better” (i.e., they produce defective parts at a lower rate) than others, even with similar levels of experience.

29.(E ).Because the question specifies “on average,” refer to the curve marked “Average” rather than the individual data points. The fewest defective parts per 1,000 on the chart is where this average curve is lowest: operators with 16,000 hours of experience produce a little less than 25 defective parts per 1,000. Another low point is for operators with minimal experience, but even they produce between 25 and 30 defective parts per 1,000. In contrast, the defective part rate is maximized at the top of the curve: operators with 8,000 hours of experience produce about 40 defective parts per 1,000.

30.(B ).Because the question specifies “on average,” refer to the curve marked “Average” rather than the individual data points. Machine operators with 12,000 hours of experience produce an average of about 36 defective parts per 1,000.

The other group of machine operators that produces about 36 defective parts per 1,000 has a little less than 3,200 hours of experience. (Note that there are 5 grid lines for every 4,000 hours, so each vertical grid line is 800 hours apart. The grid mark to the left of the 4,000 mark represents 4,000 - 800 = 3,200 hours.) Choice (B ) is close to and less than 3,200.

Alternatively, look up the average defective part rate for machine operators with the hours of experience listed in the choices:

- (A ) 2,000 hours (around 33 or 34 defective parts per 1,000).
- (B ) CORRECT. 2,700 hours (a bit over 35 defective parts per 1,000).
- (C ) 4,400 hours (around 38 defective parts per 1,000).
- (D ) 8,400 hours (a bit less than 40 defective parts per 1,000).
- (E ) 12,800 (around 34 defective parts per 1,000).

31.(C ).Because the question specifies “on average,” refer to the curve marked “Average” rather than the individual data points. The defective part rate is maximized at the top of the curve: operators with 8,000 hours of experience produce about 40 defective parts per 1,000.

32.(C ).Because the question refers to “individual machine operators,” refer to the individual data points rather than the curve marked “Average.”

$$\frac{4.2}{100} \times 1,000 = 42$$

A defective part rate of 4.2% equates to 42 defective parts per 1,000. On the chart, there are only 2 data points that fall between 40 and 45 defective parts per 1,000, and they do seem to be at 42 defective parts per 1,000. The less experienced of these two machine operators had just under 8,000 hours of experience.

**Problem Set I:**

33.(A ).Note that there are 5 vertical grid lines for every 10 athletes,so each vertical grid line accounts for 2 people. On the track and field roster,there are between 36 and 38 men (so it must be 37) represented by the light gray bar.On the track and field roster,there are between 60 and 62 women (so it must be 61) represented by the dark gray bar.In

$$\frac{\text{men}}{\text{women}} = \frac{37}{61}$$

fraction form ,the “ratio of men to women” is  $\frac{37}{61}$ .The correct answer is 61.

34.(A ).Note that there are 5 vertical grid lines for every 10 athletes,so each vertical grid line accounts for 2 people. Male athletes are represented by the light gray bars for each sport.Sum the male athletes on each of the separate varsity sports rosters.

Males on Volleyball roster: 0

Males on Track and Field roster: between 36 and 38 (so it must be 37)

Males on Tennis roster: between 8 and 10 (so it must be 9)

Males on Golf roster: 10

Males on Cross Country roster: between 16 and 18 (so it must be 17)

Males on Basketball roster: 14

There are  $0 + 37 + 9 + 10 + 17 + 14 = 87$  male names on all of the rosters combined,but there are only 76 male athletes total.Since tennis,golf,and basketball players are all on one roster only,there must be  $87 - 76 = 11$  male athletes who are counted twice by being on both the Track and Field team and the Cross Country team .The correct answer is 11.

35.Golf only.Male athletes are represented by the light gray bars,female athletes by the dark gray bars.A sport in which male athletes outnumber female athletes will have a shorter dark gray bar than light gray bar.

This is only the case for golf,where there are 10 male athletes and 7 female athletes.Volleyball only has female athletes,so they outnumber the zero male athletes on the roster.In tennis and basketball,there are equal numbers of men and women.Female athletes outnumber male athletes on the Cross Country and Track and Field rosters.

36.(B ).Note that there are 5 vertical grid lines for every 10 athletes,so each vertical grid line accounts for 2 people. There are between 8 and 10 female tennis players (so it must be 9) represented by the dark gray bar next to “Tennis.” There are 14 male basketball players represented by the light gray bar next to “Basketball.” In fraction form ,the “ratio

$$\frac{\text{female tennis players}}{\text{male basketball players}} = \frac{9}{14}$$

of female tennis players to male basketball players” is  $\frac{9}{14}$ .Thus,the answer is 14.

**Problem Set J:** This chart compares four stores,providing information about change from 2011 to 2012 in three metrics: total revenue,number of distinct customers,and total costs.It is essential to note that change in total revenue is given in terms of dollars (\$),whereas changes in number of distinct customers and in total costs are given only in percent terms.In general,percents provide less information than absolute numbers,as the total (i.e.,percent of what?) is needed for context.

37.(E ).It may be tempting to select Store Z,as revenue increased from 2011 to 2012 while number of distinct customers decreased,but be careful when mixing absolute numbers and percents.Without knowing the revenue in 2012 (only the change from the previous year is known) or the number of customers (only the percent change from the previous year is known) for any of the stores,you cannot determine the answer.

38.(A). Because the question is about costs per customer, both of which are given in percent change terms in the chart, and the question asks about percent change for this ratio, a comparison can be made among the stores. The

percent change formula in general is  $\left( \frac{\text{Difference}}{\text{Original}} \times 100 \right) \%$ . Thus, the percent change in total costs per distinct customer at a particular store is:

$$\left( \frac{\frac{\text{cost}_{2012}}{\text{customer}_{2012}} - \frac{\text{cost}_{2011}}{\text{customer}_{2011}}}{\frac{\text{cost}_{2011}}{\text{customer}_{2011}}} \times 100 \right) \%$$

This looks like a mess, but remember that both cost and customer can be written in terms of cost and customer, respectively, based on the percent changes given in the table. Then cost and customer are in 2011 and 2011, respectively.

each term of the fraction and can be canceled. For example, for Store W, the percent change in total costs per distinct customer is:

$$\left( \frac{\frac{1.15 \times \text{cost}_{2011}}{1.02 \times \text{customer}_{2011}} - \frac{\text{cost}_{2011}}{\text{customer}_{2011}}}{\frac{\text{cost}_{2011}}{\text{customer}_{2011}}} \times 100 \right) \% = \left( \frac{\frac{1.15}{1.02} - 1}{1} \times 100 \right) \% = \left( \left( \frac{1.15}{1.02} - 1 \right) \times 100 \right) \%$$

In other words, the magnitude of percent change in total costs per distinct customer depends only on the ratio of  $(1 + \text{Percent Change in Total Costs})$  to  $(1 + \text{Percent Change in Number of Distinct Customers})$ . Perform this comparison for all of the stores.

- (A) Store W :  $\frac{1.15}{1.02} = 1.12745$ . GREATEST
- (B) Store X :  $\frac{1.04}{1.14} = 0.91228$
- (C) Store Y :  $\frac{1.12}{1.05} = 1.06667$
- (D) Store Z :  $\frac{0.80}{0.93} = 0.86022$

39. **Store W, Store X, and Store Y.** Because Profit = Revenue - Cost, start by thinking about whether the changes to Revenue and Costs were positive or negative for each of the stores.

(A) CORRECT. Store W : Revenue decreased by \$400,000, and costs increased by 15%. Both changes negatively affect profit.

(B) CORRECT. Store X : Revenue increased by \$520,000, but costs also increased by 4%. Profit in 2012 could be greater than, less than, or equal to profit in 2011, depending on the store's cost structure. Try sample numbers to show that profit could have decreased. If in 2011, revenue was \$20,000,000 and costs were \$15,000,000, the profit was

\$5,000,000. In 2012, revenue would be \$20,520,000 and costs \$15,600,000, making profit \$4,920,000, less than in the previous year.

(C) CORRECT. Store Y: Revenue decreased by \$365,000, and costs increased by 12%. Both changes negatively affect profit.

(D) Store Z: Revenue increased by \$125,000, and costs decreased by 20%. Both changes positively affect profit.

40. (B). Consider each statement individually:

(A) Not necessarily true. While Store X had the greatest increase in revenue, in dollars, it is impossible to calculate

percent change in revenue  $\left( \frac{\text{Difference}}{\text{Original}} \times 100 \right) \%$  for any of the stores without information about the actual dollar amount of their revenue in either year.

(B) TRUE. Per customer revenue is  $\frac{\text{Revenue}}{\text{Number of customers}}$ . Store Z experienced an increase in revenue and a decrease in number of distinct customers, both of which increase per customer revenue.

(C) Not necessarily true. While Store W had the greatest *percent* increase in total costs, it is impossible to say whether this was the greatest increase *in dollars* without knowing the actual dollar amount of total costs for each of the stores that experienced a cost increase.

(D) Not necessarily true. The chart says nothing about repeat customers, only “distinct” customers.

(E) Not necessarily true. The chart says nothing about absolute numbers of distinct customers at any of the stores, only percent change from 2011 to 2012.

**Problem Set K:** Much of the detail in this chart is given in the title and other text. According to the title and the <sup>\*</sup> note below, the chart shows range of calories burned per hour by people in the 130 to 205 pound weight range when doing various activities.

41. I and II only. Consider each statement individually:

I. Could Be True. A 130 pound person typing for 10 hours would burn less than 1,000 calories, which is less than the number of calories burned by a 205 pound person doing one of several activities on the chart for 1 hour (certainly jai alai and swimming the butterfly stroke burn more than 1,000 calories).

II. Could Be True. In general, the range of calories burned per hour is greater for jai alai than for swimming the butterfly stroke. The people in question are about the same weight, but don’t make any assumptions about how number of calories burned might be a function of weight in this range (i.e., is the relationship linear?). All that matters is that the calorie burning ranges for the two activities overlap, and both people fall in the weight range, so it *could* be true that a 175 pound person playing jai alai for one hour burns fewer calories than a 180 pound person swimming the butterfly stroke for one hour.

III.C cannot be True. The *average* calories burned by two people playing table tennis for 1 hour is a maximum of about 375. Two people typing for 3 hours burn as many calories *total* as one person typing for  $2 \times 3 = 6$  hours, which is a minimum of about 550. "At most 375" cannot be greater than "at least 550."

42.(E ). For each combination of activities, look at the minimum value on the chart for the 130 pound person and the maximum value on the chart for the 205 pound person.

- (A ) Badminton (minimum ) + Table tennis (maximum ) =  $275 + 375 = 650$
- (B ) Wrestling (minimum ) + Track and field,hurdles (maximum ) =  $350 + 925 = 1,275$
- (C ) Typing (minimum ) + Swimming,butterfly stroke (maximum ) =  $\text{under } 100 + 1025 = \text{under } 1,125$
- (D ) Sailing,competition (minimum ) + Aerobics (maximum ) =  $300 + 600 = 900$
- (E ) CORRECT. Typing (minimum ) + Croquet (maximum ) =  $\text{under } 100 + \text{over } 225 = \text{about } 325$

Alternatively, note that typing and croquet are the two activities that burn the fewest calories per hour overall. A 130 pound person and a 205 pound person doing 1 hour of activity from the chart each would only burn fewer calories total if both people were typing.

**Problem Set L:** The table categorizes 50 African countries according to GDP (rows) and population (columns). Notice that each row sums to a subtotal number of countries with that GDP range, and each column sums to a subtotal number of countries with that population range. Both the subtotal row and subtotal column sum to 50, the grand total. Moreover, notice that both population and GDP are shown in descending order: high population/high GDP countries are in the upper left corner of the table, while low population/low GDP countries are in the lower right corner of the table.

43.(A ). GDP between \$10 billion and \$20 billion is a single row in the table. Population between 10 and 50 million people includes two columns in the table. Look at the intersections between this row and two columns. There are 3 countries at the intersection of 10 to 20 million population and \$10 billion to \$20 billion GDP, and there are 3 countries at the intersection of 20 to 50 million population and \$10 billion to \$20 billion GDP, for a total of 6 countries.

44.(C ). Adding the entries that are in the intersection of the bottom two rows (less than \$20 billion GDP) and in the last three columns (population less than 20 million), the number of countries is  $3 + 3 + 3 + 7 + 8 + 7 = 31$ . Out of 50 countries, 31 fit this description, so the percent is  $\left(\frac{31}{50} \times 100\right)\%$  or 62% .

45.(B ). There are 13 countries with GDPs between \$10 billion and \$20 billion, and of these, 3 have populations between 10 million and 20 million. Thus the percent is  $\left(\frac{3}{13} \times 100\right)\%$  or approximately 23% .

46.(D ). For each choice, carefully find the row (s)/column (s) that fit the description in, and sum all table entries that apply.

- (A ) More than \$10 billion GDP (top 3 rows) intersecting with population less than 20 million (3 columns on right, before the subtotal column):  $0 + 0 + 0 + 1 + 1 + 0 + 3 + 3 + 3 = 11$
- (B ) Less than \$20 billion GDP (bottom 2 rows, above the subtotal row ) intersecting with population more than 10

m illion (3 column ns on left):  $1 + 3 + 3 + 0 + 0 + 7 = 14$

(C ) More than \$20 billion G D P (entire top 2 row s,so sum the subtotal column n in those row s):  $5 + 10 = 15$

(D ) Less than \$100 billion G D P (bottom 3 row s,above the subtotal row ) intersecting w ith population less than 10 m illion (2 column ns on right,before the subtotal column n):  $1 + 0 + 3 + 3 + 8 + 7 = 22$

(E) Less than \$100 billion G D P (bottom 3 row s,above the subtotal row ) intersecting w ith population betw een 10 m illion and 50 m illion (2nd and 3rd column n):  $7 + 1 + 3 + 3 + 0 + 7 = 21$

C hoice (D ),22,is the greatest.

**Problem Set M :** This pie chart represents about 76 m illion ow ner-occupied housing units,categorized by how m any people live in the household.D on't let the sm aller pie chart on the right throw you off.It is just a w ay to “zoom in” on the relatively sm all categories of households w ith at least 5 people.These categories could have been show n as sm all slivers in the pie chart on the left (notice that  $6.7\% + 2.6\% + 1.8\% = 11.1\%$  ,the “O ther” category in the chart on the left).

47.(D ).Sum the households w ith one,tw o,or three people (i.e.,“few er than four people”).Together these account for  $21.6\% + 36.3\% + 16.5\% = 74.4\%$  of the total.

48.(E ).A ccording to the chart,6.7% of the 75,986,074 households are 5-person households.In the calculator, m ultiply 0.067 by 76 (keep “m illion” in m ind).The result is about 5,so the answ er is 5 m illion households.

49.(B ).A pproxim ate the total num ber of households as 76 m illion (close enough to 75,986,074).There are 21.6% of the total,or approxim ately 16.4 m illion,1-person households.Since each such household has only 1 person,this represents about 16.4 m illion people.

There are 16.5% of the total,or approxim ately 12.5 m illion,3-person households.Since each of these households has 3 people,that is about 37.5 m illion people.

There are 6.7% of the total,or approxim ately 5.1 m illion,5-person households.Since each of these households has 5 people,that is about 25.5 m illion people.

Since  $16.4 \text{ m illion} < 25.5 \text{ m illion} < 37.5 \text{ m illion}$ ,the correct ranking is 1-person households,5-person households, 3-person households.

50.(A ).The 2- to 3- person range contains  $36.3\% + 16.5\% = 52.8\%$  of households,so this is the correct answ er. Q uickly rule out the other choices as a check.

(B ) The 3- to 4- person range contains  $16.5\% + 14.5\% = 31.0\%$  of households.

(C ) The 4- to 5- person range contains  $14.5\% + 6.7\% = 21.2\%$  of households.

(D ) The 5- to 6-person range contains  $6.7\% + 2.6\% = 9.3\%$  of households.

(E) The 6- to 7-person range contains at m ost  $2.6\% + 1.8\% =$  at m ost 4.4% of households (rem em ber that som e of the 1.8% could consist of households w ith m ore than 7 people).

A ll of the choices other than (A ) are less than 50% .